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To: Judiciary Committee

From: Kathy Connolly

I wish to state my support for H.B. 6557. I believe that municipalities should have the same protection as the state and individuals from liability by recreational users of municipal lands. Passage of this bill will help maintain public access to recreation on municipal lands, which is critically important to people of all ages in our cities and towns.

Please vote in favor of HB 6557.

TO: Judiciary Committee
FROM: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HB6557

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My husband and I would like to express our strong support for the passage of HB6557. The idea that areas for public recreation might be closed by cities and towns due to liability fears is very unfortunate and surely jeopardizes the quality of life citizens have in our state.

We personally value these recreational areas and believe that especially in these difficult economic times that our citizens are in even more need to have access to locations which are FREE. With the passage of this bill, the threat that some recreational areas might be closed will be averted and our citizens will be provided with the deserved opportunity to use these lands for the purpose that they were intended.

Thank you and sincerely,

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Statement of Brooke Samuelson, Chester, CT

To deny the public access to municipal lands because of the Conway v. Wilton court case is an affront to all those individuals who have used municipal lands safely for many years.

A trail user who ignored the trail signs and obvious safety barriers should not be entitled, via a dubious court judgment in her favor, to deprive the public of the opportunity to get outdoors and exercise, and to enjoy the wonderful recreational lands offered to the public free by municipalities.

The best barrier against personal injury lawyers is protection of these municipalities from frivolous negligence lawsuits via H.B. 6557.

I hope the Judiciary Committee sees the forest for the trees, and grants protection, so that the public can continue to enjoy access to outdoor recreation on municipal lands, free of the fear of absurd lawsuits cutting off that access.

Anything short of that protection allows the guilty party to win the battle, and punishes both the public and the municipalities. Thank you.